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INFO AMEMBASSY DAKAR

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DAKAR FOR AID REGIONAL COMPTROLLER

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EMGT PFOR GV US

SUBJECT: GOG NOTE ON FINANCIAL OPERATIONS OF EMBASSIES

REF: A. CONAKRY 0473 (NOTAL) B. STATE 083609

1. PENDING REPLY TO QUESTIONS POSED REFTEL, EMBASSY HAS STILL NOT RESPONDED TO GOG REQUEST FOR BREAKDOWN OF POST EXPENSES. IN MEANTIME, WE HAVE LEARNED THAT ITALIAN AND SWISS MISSIONS HERE, WHILE REPLYING TO GOG NOTE, HAVE IN EFFECT REFUSED TO GIVE REQUESTED INFORMATION TO FOREIGN MINISTRY. ITALIAN AMBASSADOR AND SWISS CHARGE BOTH URGE THAT US EMBASSY FOLLOW SUIT, EVOKING PRINCIPLE OF "SOLIDARITY". THE ONLY OTHER WESTERN MISSION HERE, BELGIUM, HAS COMPLIED IN FULL WITH THE GOG REQUEST.

2. WHILE EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN PRESSURED BY GOG FOR INFORMATION AND HAVE SET NO DEADLINE FOR ITS RECEIPT, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE TO REFTEL. IN REGARD TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS IN PARA 4 OF REFTEL CONCERNING AID ACCOUNTS, WE ARE EXPECTING VISIT FROM AID REGIONALCOMPTROLLER IN DAKAR LATER IN MONTH TO ASSIST EMBASSY IN RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS POSED STATE 083609. SUGGEST THAT AID COMPTROLLER MIGHT ALSO ASSIST IN RESPONDING TO BANK'S QUESTIONS POSED REFTEL (TO BE POUCHED DAKAR), AND THAT

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DEPT PROVIDE HIM WITH APPROPRIATE BACKGROUND FOR THIS PURPOSE.

3. FRANKLY, EMBASSY SEES NO REAL PROBLEM IN PROVIDING GOG WITH INFORMATION IT HAS REQUESTED (SEE REF A AND CONAKRY A-22). MUCH OF THIS INFORMATION WOULD BE READILY AVAILABLE TO FORMIN FROM OTHER GOG SOURCES ANYWAY, IF GUINEANS HAD BETTER SYSTEM OF RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND DATE RETRIEVAL. THUS (UNLESS DEPT HAS OBJECTION) WE WOULD PLAN PROVIDE REQUESTED INFO AT APPROPRIATE TIME, INFORMING ITALIANS AND SWISS THAT WE ARE DOING SO WITH CONCURRENCE OF DEPT.
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